

PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicants: Åke Holm et al.

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Title: Means For Splash Separation On Paper Machine

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application which is being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

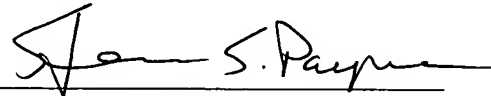
Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer. In addition please add new claims 11-23 which are attached hereto.

**REMARKS**

Prior to examination, the claims have been amended to place them in proper form. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview may expedite the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the below attorney at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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